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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 15, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY "TONY" MORAVEC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor a proud American, a great Hoosier, an outstanding man, and a very dear friend, Anthony "Tony" Moravec.

Tony left us far too soon, and it is an honor to have his family in the House gallery to join us here today.

Born October 3, 1950, Tony Moravec was the embodiment of the American

Dream. He worked hard, treated everyone with respect, and had a joyous appreciation of life.

Tony was chairman of Blairex Laboratories and the co-founder of Applied Laboratories. These two companies employed countless Hoosiers and brought vital economic development to Columbus, Indiana.

Tony's commitment to our community did not end there. In fact, he went far beyond what many business leaders accomplish.

In 1990, he and his company received the Entrepreneur of the Year award from the State of Indiana.

In 2009, he received the Company of the Year Award from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce for the restoration of Zaharakos, an ice cream store.

In 2011, Tony received the Indiana University Provost's Medal, and was honored with the President's Circle Laurel Pin and the Partners in Philanthropy Cornerstone Award.

In 2016, he received an award for the restoration of the Columbus Pump House.

Tony established scholarships at the Heritage Fund, Indiana University, and Ivy Tech Community College, always seeking to educate the next generation of Hoosiers.

Tony donated his collection of the works of Old Master drawings, including a series of scenes from the New Testament, to the IU Eskenazi Museum. It became the third largest repository of such drawings in the world, earning an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation endowment.

Tony once remarked that he was part of our hometown, Columbus, by choice, not by chance; something proven in all his actions.

Our relationship, our friendship, like so many others in our community, went far beyond business or politics. Tony meant so much to my wife, Denise, and I.

It is exceptionally hard to underscore what an immense loss Tony's passing is

to my family and our entire community.

So today, I want to impart some wisdom from Tony's parents and grandparents that he recently shared with our community at the Moravec Hall dedication.

"Bite off more than you can chew and chew like hell. Be bold in everything you do. It has a magic about it.

"Use it up. Wear it out. Make it do or do without. Do your job like you own the business. Maybe, someday you will.

"Get an education. They can take your house, they can take your car, but they can't take your education."

And finally, "Leave the place a better place than you found it," which Tony did. In fact, he left everywhere a better place than he found it.

May Tony Moravec forever rest in peace. God bless this wonderful man, and may God bless his family.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to occupants of the gallery.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law which was signed into law by President Joseph Biden on this historic day last year.

The bipartisan infrastructure law is undeniably the largest long-term investment in U.S. infrastructure in almost 100 years, in almost a century. As we all know, our great economy relies on an immense infrastructure of roads and bridges, freight rails and ports, electrical grids, access to high-speed internet, and on and on.

Yet, many of the current systems in place were built decades ago and needed to be enhanced to guarantee our Nation's optimal economic performance.

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That is why, when passing the bipartisan infrastructure law, we knew, as President Biden said, “We could grow the economy, enhance our competitiveness, create good jobs, and make our economy more sustainable, just, and resilient.”

Mr. Speaker, I believe we have done that. As I explained to many of my colleagues last year, the Infrastructure of my home in the U.S. Virgin Islands has suffered extremely from systematic lack of investment. Our infrastructure issues were further exacerbated by the 2017 Hurricanes Irma and Maria, which were both Category 5 hurricanes.

When you hear that 1 in 5 miles, or 173,000 total miles, of our highways and major roads, and 45,000 bridges across the United States are in poor condition, think about what that looks like on a hurricane-prone island where residents may rely on a single road for passage of crucial resources and emergency services vehicles.

As Americans, the residents of the Virgin Islands needed us, as Congress, to step up. By passing the bipartisan infrastructure plan, we answered the call for all Americans.

To date, the Virgin Islands has been allocated \$18.4 million, of an expected \$96 million, to rebuild and strengthen our roads and bridges. In addition, over 1,600 households in the U.S. Virgin Islands have already enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program, which aims to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. That is about 43 percent of the total households on the island of St. John alone who now have access to high-speed internet.

Turning to the island’s power supply, we now have much-needed capital to weatherize our power lines, which will prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Put differently, we are now better equipped to save lives.

In addition to these historic investments, I would like to highlight the announcement of two key projects:

First, under our Watershed Project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$51.7 million to reduce flood risk and damage to the Savan Gut area in our capital, Charlotte Amalie. The area is within the 100-year old flood plain and has recurring flooding problems primarily in the central business district and local elementary school. Therefore, as I am sure you can tell, the completion of this project is vital to protecting the future of our children, schools, and local businesses.

Second, in our Airport Project, the Department of Transportation has awarded nearly \$4 million to Cyril E. King Airport to support its modernization and improve safety.

There are so many projects that all Americans are guaranteed because of the work of these House Democrats, along with our President, who have put the people of America forward in ensuring that infrastructure will meet the needs of a future America.

So, today, as we celebrate the many successes of the infrastructure plan,

creating good-paying jobs, union jobs, helping fight climate change, advancing environmental justice, boosting domestic manufacturing, strengthening critical links in our supply chains, and ultimately lowering the cost of living for working families, I would like to challenge and encourage all of us to continue to work together to address the challenges of the American people, this country, and our world. Together, we can make a difference.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TERRY BARKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. VAN DUYNE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. Over the weekend, tragedy struck North Texas as six lives were taken in an air show honoring our veterans. One victim was Texas-24 resident and local leader, Terry Barker.

Terry was the epitome of an all-American hero. An Army veteran and American Airlines pilot of 36 years, Terry spent decades of his storied and accomplished life serving others. His service in the Army and unmatched dedication to honoring veterans is a testament to the kind of man Terry was.

Just last week, to pay tribute to veterans, Terry helped set up the Keller Field of Honor: 1,776 full-size U.S. flags dedicated to the 1,776 heroes. He then took to the skies one last time in a World War II era B-17 bomber to pay tribute to the Greatest Generation.

Terry was also a dedicated public servant, spending two terms as a Keller City councilmember. My friend and colleague, Keller Mayor Armin Mizani, described Terry as his mentor, and an “outgoing and selfless man who always had a joke to share.”

Texas-24 lost an American patriot, a public servant, and beloved friend this week. I ask you to please join me in praying for Terry, his family, and all of those affected by this weekend’s tragedy.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SERGEANT DENNIS L. PAVLIK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sergeant Dennis L. Pavlik, who is believed to be the last living Korean war POW from Nebraska.

Sergeant Pavlik joined the United States Army in October of 1952 when he was inducted at Fort Omaha in Nebraska. Sergeant Pavlik was then assigned to B Company, the 22nd Armored Engineer for artillery basic training, which he completed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Following his completion of basic training, Sergeant Pavlik was assigned to C Battery, the 555 Field Artillery, also known as the Triple Nickel.

Sergeant Pavlik then moved to a variety of locations across Korea, finally landing near Kumsong in a location known as the Kumsong Salient. It was there, on the night of July 13, 1953, that Sergeant Pavlik’s artillery was under intense enemy counter barrage ending in the eventual imprisonment of multiple United States soldiers.

Sergeant Pavlik and his fellow soldiers were then forced to march north to a POW camp the Chinese referred to as Camp Six. It was here Sergeant Pavlik spent 42 days as a prisoner of war, which he has referred to as “the longest 6 weeks of my life.”

Sergeant Pavlik stated the most important lesson he learned during those 6 weeks is the knowledge of freedom. As the war in Korea ended, Sergeant Pavlik was then released from Camp Six and eventually returned to United States soil on August 25, 1953, just 1 month after the official end of the Korean war.

Sergeant Pavlik ended his military service on July 20, 1954, and was awarded the Bronze Star with the “V” for Valor Device, the Good Conduct Medal, the POW Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with two Battle Stars, United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Today, he resides in Omaha, Nebraska, with his wife, Luella, and has three children and five grandchildren.

Sergeant Pavlik also serves as the Post Commander for the American Ex-Prisoner of War Department of Nebraska.

It is with great honor that I recognize the last-known prisoner of war survivor for the Korean war, and my good friend, Nebraska Sergeant Dennis L. Pavlik.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VINCE DOOLEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my condolences to the families of Vince Dooley, legendary football coach at the University of Georgia.

Coach Dooley was a talented multi-sport athlete in his youth and played quarterback for the Auburn University Tigers.

In 1960, he married the love of his life, Barbara, and they have four children together.

In 1963, he became the head coach of the University of Georgia Bulldogs, where he led them through 1988. During his tenure, he guided the prolific football team to a record of 201 wins and only 77 losses. Coach Dooley’s teams won six Southeastern Conference championships and the momentous 1980 national championship.

As a coach, he received five Coach of the Year awards, was five times voted SEC Coach of the Year, and has now been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.